	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	09/643,276	KOJIMA ET AL.
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *11/14/2005*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1,4,7,10,13 and 16*.

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:

        1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

    (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of

        Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

/ SALEH NAJJAR
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

1.   Applicant's representative, Surinder Sachar (Registration No. 34,423), indicated on March 30, 2006 that Applicant authorized examiner to incorporate the limitation of claim 3 into claim 1 and make all other independent claims in parallel with claim 1 in order to place this application in condition for allowance.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention as claimed, the claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, and 16 specially include limitations based upon storing a picture and corresponding at least one of words or sentences as a single file of said picture, said corresponding at least one of words or sentences being stored at a predetermined position in the single file of said picture; and creating transmission information for transmitting information of said single file of said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences to a predetermined partner, wherein said transmission information is created when said single file is selected, said transmission information is an electronic mail (e-mail), and said transmission information is automatically created so that said at least one of words or sentences constitutes a text of said e-mail and said picture information constitutes an attached file of said e-mail (as defined in the specification of the instant application in page 56 lines 7-19, page 63 line 7-page 64 line 7, and page 84 line 20-page 85 line 12). While system and method for automatically attaching a file to an e-mail responding to a file selection is firmly documented by cited prior art, the storing a picture and

corresponding at least one of words or sentences as a single file of said picture, said

corresponding at least one of words or sentences being stored at a predetermined

position in the single file of said picture; and creating transmission information for

transmitting information of said single file of said picture and said corresponding at least

one of words or sentences to a predetermined partner, wherein said transmission

information is created when said single file is selected, said transmission information is

an electronic mail (e-mail), and said transmission information is automatically created so

that said at least one of words or sentences constitutes a text of said e-mail and said

picture information constitutes an attached file of said e-mail limitations are novel, and

the invention is patentable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Surinder Sachar (Registration No. 34,423) on 03/30/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title of the invention is changed to: "**Method and System for Creating an E-mail by Automatically Constituting a Text and an Attached File of the E-mail Basing on at least one Words or Sentences and a Picture stored in a Single Picture File**".

The claims of the invention have been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A picture-information transmission apparatus comprising:

a camera for taking a picture;

a camera control means for controlling said camera to take a picture when a first predetermined operation is executed;

a microphone configured to recognize a voice;

a generating means for generating at least one of words or sentences corresponding to the recognized voice when said first predetermined operation is being executed;

a memory means for storing said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences as a single file of said picture, said corresponding at least one of

words or sentences being stored at a predetermined position in the single file of said

picture;

a file select means for executing a second predetermined operation to select the

single file of said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences

from said memory; and

a transmission-information creation means for creating transmission information

for transmitting information of a predetermined said single file of [[a]] said picture and

said corresponding at least one of words or sentences selected by said file select

means to a predetermined partner,

wherein said transmission information is created when said predetermined single

file is selected in a batch operation when said second predetermined operation is

executed, said transmission information is an electronic mail (e-mail), and said

transmission information is created so that said at least one of words or sentences

constitutes a text of said e-mail and said picture information constitutes an attached file

of said e-mail.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A picture-information transmission method

comprising:

a step of taking a picture with a camera when a first predetermined operation to a second state is executed;

a step of recognizing a voice;

a step of generating at least one of words or sentences corresponding to the recognized voice when said first predetermined operation is being executed;

a storing step of storing said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences as a single file of said picture, said corresponding at least one of words and sentences being stored at a predetermined position in the single file of said picture;

a file select step of executing a second predetermined operation to select the single file of said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences stored in said storing step; and

a transmission-information creating step of creating transmission information for transmitting information of a predetermined said single file of [[a]] said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences selected at said file select step to a predetermined partner,

whereby said transmission information is created when said single predetermined file is selected in a batch operation when said second predetermined operation is executed, said transmission information is an electronic mail (e-mail), and said transmission information is created so that said at least one of words or sentences constitutes a text of said e-mail and said picture information constitutes an attached file of said e-mail.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium for storing a program

to be executed by an information transmission apparatus wherein said program

comprises computer code to perform:

a step of taking a picture with a camera when a first predetermined operation is

executed;

a step of recognizing a voice;

a step of generating at least one of words or sentences corresponding to the

recognized voice when said first predetermined operation is being executed;

a storing step of storing said picture and said corresponding at least one of words

or sentences as a single file of said picture, said corresponding at least one of words or

sentences being stored at a predetermined position in the single file of said picture;

a file select step of executing a second predetermined operation to select the

single file of said picture and said corresponding at least one of words

or sentences stored in said storing step; and

a transmission-information creating step of creating transmission information for

transmitting information of a predetermined said single file of [[a]] said picture and said

corresponding at least one of words or sentences selected at said file select step to a

predetermined partner,

Whereby said transmission information is created when said ~~predetermined~~

single file is selected in a batch operation when said second predetermined operation is

executed, said transmission information is an electronic mail (e-mail), and said

transmission information is created so that said at least one of words or sentences

constitutes a text of said e-mail and said picture information constitutes an attached file

of said e-mail.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A picture-information transmission apparatus

comprising:

a camera for taking a picture;

a camera control means for controlling said camera to take a picture when a first

predetermined operation is executed;

a microphone configured to recognize a voice; a generating means for

generating at least one of words or sentences corresponding to the recognized voice

when said first predetermined operation is being executed;

a memory means for storing said picture and said corresponding at least one of

words or sentences as a single file of said picture, said corresponding at least one of

words or sentences being stored at a predetermined position in the single file of said

picture;

means for activating a still-picture viewing program in which a still said picture is

viewed in a window on a display in said camera, wherein said picture is a still picture;

a file select means for, in the still-picture viewing program, executing a second

predetermined operation to select the single file of said picture and said corresponding

at least one of words or sentences from said memory means; and

a transmission-information creation means for creating transmission information

for transmitting information of a predetermined said single file of [[a]] said picture and

said corresponding at least one of words or sentences selected by said file select

means to a predetermined partner,

wherein said transmission information is created when said predetermined single

file is selected in a batch operation when said second predetermined operation is

executed, said transmission information is an electronic mail (e-mail), and said

transmission information is created so that said at least one of words or sentences

constitutes a text of said e-mail and said picture information constitutes an attached file

of said e-mail.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A picture-information transmission method comprising:

a step of taking a picture with a camera when a first predetermined operation is executed;

a step of recognizing a voice;

a step of generating at least one of words or sentences corresponding to the recognized voice when said first predetermined operation is being executed;

a storing step of storing said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences as a single file of said picture, said corresponding at least one of words or sentences being stored at a predetermined position in the single file of said picture;

an activating step of activating a still-picture viewing program in which a-still said picture is viewed in a window on a display, wherein said picture is a still picture;

a file select step of, in the still-picture viewing program, executing a second predetermined operation to select the single file of said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences stored in said storing step; and

a transmission-information creating step of creating transmission information for transmitting information of a-predetermined said single file of [[a]] said picture and said corresponding at least one of words or sentences selected at said file select step to a predetermined partner,

whereby said transmission information is created when said predetermined single file is selected in a batch operation when said second predetermined operation is executed, said transmission information is an electronic mail (e-mail), and said

transmission information is created so that said at least one of words or sentences

constitutes a text of said e-mail and said picture information constitutes an attached file

of said e-mail.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium for storing a program

to be executed by an information transmission apparatus wherein said program

comprises computer code to perform:

a step of taking a picture with a camera when a first predetermined operation is

executed;

a step of recognizing a voice;

a step of generating at least one of words or sentences corresponding to the

recognized voice when said first predetermined operation is being executed;

a storing step of storing said picture and said corresponding at least one of words

or sentences as a single file of said picture, said corresponding at least one of words or

sentences being stored at a predetermined position in the single file of said picture;

an activating step of activating a still-picture viewing program in which a still said

picture is viewed in a window on a display, wherein said picture is a still picture;

a file select step of, in the still-picture viewing program, executing a second

predetermined operation to select the single file of said picture and said corresponding

at least one of words or sentences stored in said storing step; and

a transmission-information creating step of creating transmission information for

transmitting information of a predetermined said single file of [[a]] said picture and said

corresponding at least one of words or sentences selected at said file select step to a

predetermined partner,

whereby said transmission information is created at the same time as said

predetermined single file is selected in a batch operation when said second

predetermined operation is executed, said transmission information is an electronic mail

(e-mail), and said transmission information is created so that said at least one of words

or sentences constitutes a text of said e-mail and said picture information constitutes an

attached file of said e-mail.
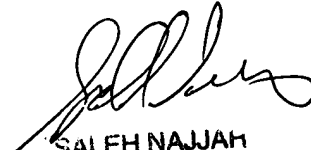

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Canceled).

4.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Oanh Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-

3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 9:30AM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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